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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: BIOSPHERE RESERVE
MARINE RESEARCH (02.05.41): BERING SEA CRUISE

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1. EMBOFF 13 APRIL DISCUSSED CONTENTS OF REFTEL WITH STARIKOV, AND
URGED HIM TO EXPEDITE SUPPORT OF SRIABINE VISA.

2. STARIKOV SAID THAT BOHLEN'S SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE TIMING, 22-27
APRIL, INVOLVED STARTING ON FRIDAY AND WORKING THROUGH A WEEKEND,
WHICH WAS DEFINITELY INCONVENIENT. STARIKOV SUGGESTED THAT OTHER
MEMBERS OF DEL COME ON TIME, AND THAT SRIABINE ARRIVE LATER IF VISA
DELAYED. EMBOFF NOTED THAT SPLITTING DELEGATION IS A POOR IDEA, AND
OBTAINED STARIKOV'S ASSURANCE THAT SRIABINE VISA SUPPORT, WHICH
KAZABOV HAS FORWARDED, WILL BE EXPEDITED. EMBOFF EXPLAINED THAT HE
WOULD URGE EPA TO CONTACT SCIENCE OFFICE IN SOVIET EMBASSY TO FACILI-
TATE VISA IF PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED.

3. COMMENT: SINCE SOVIETS ARE LOATH TO MEET ON WEEKEND AND SINCE
MANY SOVIET ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO SCHEDULE MEETINGS IN
THE 1-10 MAY PERIOD (TWO SOVIET HOLIDAYS), ORIGINALLY-SUGGESTED
TIMING MAY BE LAST GOOD OPPORTUNITY UNTIL MID-MAY. EPA MAY
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WISH TO NOTE SITUATION TO SOVIET CONSULATE OR SCIENCE OFFICE
IN TRYING TO EXTRACT SRIABINE VISA. END COMMENT.

4. PLEASE ADVISE, INCLUDING TRAVEL PLANS USDEL.
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